

Application Serial No: 10/734,711
Responsive to the Office Action mailed on: March 23, 2007

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the final Office Action mailed on March 23, 2007. Claim 11 is amended editorially and is supported, for example, on page 3, lines 4-18. No new matter is added. Claims 11-15 are pending.

§112, 2nd Paragraph Rejections:

Claims 11-15 are rejected as being indefinite. Claim 11 is rejected because of a question whether the composition formula: $[(\text{Ge}, \text{Sn})_{\text{A}}\text{Sb}_2\text{Te}_{3+\text{A}}]_{100-\text{B}}\text{M}_{\text{B}}$ is to include both Ge and Sn. Applicants submit that it would be understood that the composition formula includes both Ge and Sn in view of the recitation in claim 11 that the recording layer includes Ge and Sn. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Claim 11 is also rejected because of a question as to what "A" and "B" represent. Applicants have amended claim 11 editorially to clarify that both "A" and "B" represent atomic percent. This is supported, for example at page 6 of the specification. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Conclusion:

Applicants respectfully assert claims 11-15 are in condition for allowance. If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Douglas P. Mueller (Reg. No. 30,300), at (612) 455-3804.

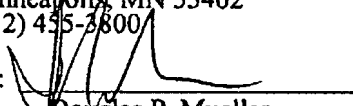


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